

Get Ready for WellSTAR!

STAR = State Tracking and Reporting

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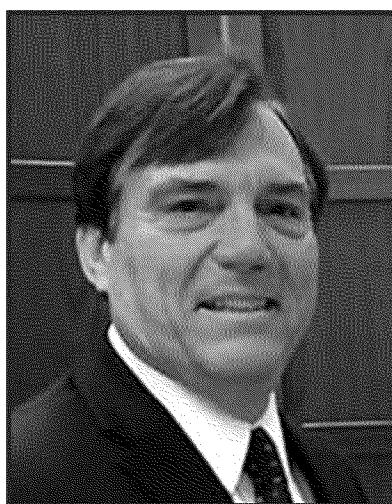
Hello All and Happy New Year to you and your families!

As you all know, the Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) recently kicked off the Proof of Concept Project for the evaluation of the Ground Water Protection Council's Risk Based Data Management System (RBDMS). RBDMS will provide DOGGR a much-needed centralized well management and data reporting solution. This is a very strategic project for both DOGGR and the larger DOC as we move towards becoming a data-driven organization that leverages industry technologies to support our work. Both my leadership team and I are firmly committed to the success of this effort.

I encourage all of you to actively participate in this effort and challenge yourself to find new and more efficient ways of doing business. Specifically, I have directed the WellSTAR project team to build new business processes that adhere to the functionality available in the RBDMS software instead of customizing the RBDMS software to accommodate our existing business processes. This is a very key point that must be one of our primary directives when working on this effort.

I understand that change can be hard and changing how we do business will be a challenge, but it is an exciting challenge! I ask of each of you and your respective organizations to embrace change and be open to the possibilities.

Again, Happy New Year and I look forward to a successful 2016!



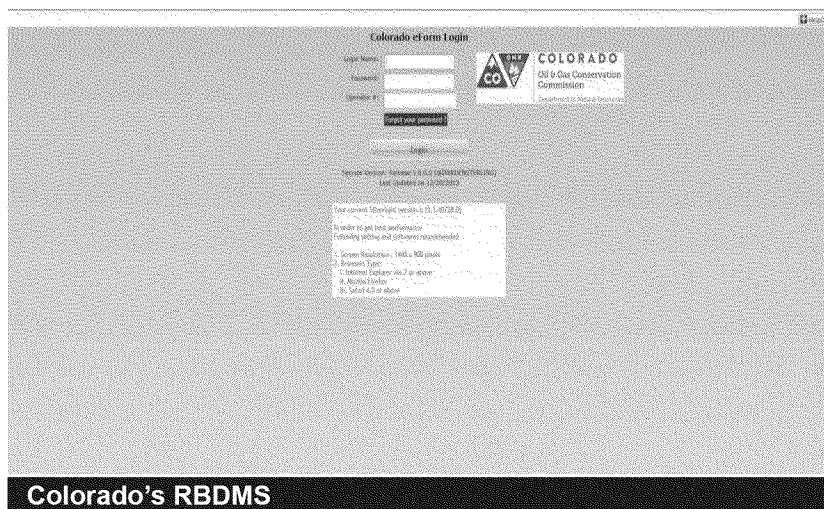
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Colorado's RBDMS

Interested in Seeing GWPC's RBDMS?

The YouTube link below is a demonstration of the Colorado version of RBDMS. In California, we will have our own California version of RBDMS; however, it will not be very different from Colorado's.

Please feel free to spend some time watching the demonstration below. If you have questions and/or feedback, please send them to the WellSTAR email box at WellSTAR@conservation.ca.gov — we want to hear from you!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx4KcYLJxhs>

JAD Session—Summary

JAD (Joint Application Design) sessions are a critical step in understanding enterprise software. It is a form of requirements gathering, but more importantly, it's a collaborative conversation for software development between the DOGGR business subject matter experts and the technology analyst(s).

In December, The Ground Water Protection Council held a series of meetings to cover the following DOGGR processes: Client/Bond, Well Inventory, UIC, Well Stimulation, Well Stimulation and UIC Project Overflow, Permit, Environmental (CEQA) GIS-driven items, Facility/Groups, Production, Payments/Fee, Inspection, Compliance, Enforcement, and Hearings/Dockets.

The DOGGR participants used the opportunity to share process information, program expertise, and needed RBDMS functionality. The GWPC team wishes to thank DOGGR staff for their participation in these sessions. The Sessions yielded valuable detail for the RBDMS fit/gap analysis that will yield the functional requirements.

Organizational Change Management (OCM) for DOGGR

SPOCs and Super Users: As part of the overall DOGGR Organizational Change Management (OCM) Strategy, resources from the districts and HQ have been identified and organized into a network of Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) and Super Users (aka: Power Users).

SPOCs and Super Users (SU) will have specific responsibilities that will support implementation in a variety of ways: Testing, training, coordination, and communication activities.

The SPOC/SUs will be invited to attend the POC Kick-Off activities in Bakersfield on January 6th and 7th. For further detail on SPOC/SU activities, please contact Jeff Newton.

Communication Plan: Communication is extremely important for OCM and will be managed in a variety of ways.

The WellSTAR Project Intranet webpage will contain the latest project information and will become the primary location for all communication and updates. Please take a look at the webpage and familiarize yourself with site. You can access the webpage here: http://docinsider/DOGGR/Pages/WellSTAR_Project.aspx

Please note, this is an internal Intranet webpage that is accessible only from the DOC network.

In addition, monthly informational newsletters such as this one will be delivered to you via e-mail, as well as posted to the WellSTAR Project Intranet webpage.

If you have comments, questions, or suggestions, please e-mail WellSTAR@conservation.ca.gov

Bakersfield Site Visit

December 21-22, 2015 marked the WellSTAR's Project OCM Team's first visit to Bakersfield! Kelly Elo, the OCM Team's District Liaison, spent two days touring the office and getting to know the staff in the Inland District. Amanda Parks and the staff provided an excellent overview of the District Office operations and current challenges.

As part of this first visit, preparations quickly began for the January 6, 2016 Proof of Concept (PoC) Kick-Off. Bakersfield will host the Project Team and WellSTAR's SPOCs and Super Users from all the districts to kick off the Proof of Concept.

The Inland District is the largest in the State and processed over 8,000 permits last year. WellSTAR's Proof of Concept will test the Permitting Process capabilities within GWPC's RBDMS application to ensure it meets the needs of the State of California.

The OCM Team would like to thank Bill Bartling, as well as the entire staff of District 4, for their hospitality and support of our Kick-Off activities. We are looking forward to our visit on January 6th!



Bakersfield—Main Office

Proof of Concept (PoC) and Key 2016 Dates

The Proof of Concept is a time when end users can experience some of the functionality available in the proposed solution, RBDMS. Bakersfield will be hosting the PoC with SPOCs and Super Users who are participating in this two-month process.

Jan 6	<u>WellSTAR Proof of Concept Kick-Off in Bakersfield.</u>
Jan 7	<u>WellSTAR SPOC & Super User Meeting</u>
Jan 19-21	<u>WellSTAR/RBDMS Training</u>
Jan 21-25	<u>WellSTAR PoC Evaluation - I</u>
Jan 25-28	<u>WellSTAR PoC Evaluation - II</u>
Jan 27	<u>Project by Project Review Kick-Off (Inland/ Bakersfield)</u>
Jan 28 - Feb 4	<u>WellSTAR GWPC Remediation Activities</u>
Feb 4 - 25	<u>WellSTAR All District Super User Testing & Evaluation (Approx. 25 Users) – Bakersfield Office</u>

Data Gathering and Evaluation for Project-by-Project Review and EPA Requirements

The Project-by-Project Review is a significant data collection, validation, and cleanup effort undertaken by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The purpose of this project is to collect, validate, and consolidate the data of all active Underground Injection Control (UIC) projects in California into a single searchable well database no later than February 15, 2017.

The Division is working with several operators to come up with a solution to supply the Division the necessary data that will be required by the February 2017 deadline.

The Division will house this data in a staging area until it can be transferred into the RBDMS. This project will work in parallel with WellSTAR and be one of the first large conversions into RBDMS.

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